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8 January 1965

The Honorable Eugene G. Fabini
Deputy Director of Defense Research
and Engineering
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gene:

This refers to your memorandum of 7 January in connection with the U-2 borne camera approach to certain programs. The requirement to brief you has been laid on Dr. Wheelon, the Deputy Director for Science and Technology, in whose area of responsibility our program lies. He will be getting in touch with your office before too long in order to schedule the briefing.

Just to keep the record straight, there are, however, several points in your letter that need some comment. In the first instance you say "...programs which have been approved by us...." If you are referring to the [redacted] then the "us" you mention must refer only to you and your people since neither Mr. McCone nor I nor anyone in the Agency has signed off on or approved that program, nor was it discussed for approval at an NRO ExCom meeting.

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As regards your phrase "...assuming the absence of hard bias..." I can assure you that any participation by the Central Intelligence Agency and its personnel in any activity will be, as it has always been in the past, totally objective and totally

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without bias. We have only the national interest in mind.

Faithfully yours,

/s/ Pat

Marshall S. Carter
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy Director

P. S. No offense is intended in catching you up on your phraseology -- especially since Augenstein signed for you!!

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7 JAN 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL CARTER

The purpose of this memo is to remind you that we have agreed that you will get me a briefing on a U-2 borne camera approach to programs which have been approved by us and which were discussed at the recent meeting with Mr. McCone.

I will, as soon as you tell me when such a briefing can be supplied (I would definitely prefer a time between January 12 and January 19), get together people in-the-house to examine the comparative potential of the three approaches. In this connection, I would appreciate knowing who, in the Agency, carries the responsibility for the U-2 borne program. I believe that the best route to an objective comparison would be to get the three active program heads together, assuming the absence of hard bias, to make an evaluating review of the three approaches, and would hope that your program head could participate.

/s/ B. W. Augenstein

for : Eugene G. Fubini

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